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SUBJECT: U.S. CORRESPONDENTS

REF: SANTIAGO 4505; 4506; 4618 (ALL NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING UP ON NEW REPORTS U.S. CORRESPONDENT NOVITSKI (WASHINGTON POST) AND JHKBNIYDVO# ANDELL (NYTIMES) MIGHT BE CONFRONTED WITH DIFFICULTIES ON THEIR RETURN TO CHILE, EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH GOC INTERNATIONAL PRESS CHIEF, LT. COL. LEON RUIZ AUG 16. RUIZ SAID CHILEAN CIVILIAN POLICE (INVESTIGACIONES) HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO PREVENT KANDELL FROM ENTERING CHILE, AND THAT NOVITSKI'S CASE UNDER STUDY. WHEN PRESSED AS TO WHO ISSUED ORDER BARRING KANDELL, RUIZ SIMPLY STATED THAT "IT MUST HAVE COME FROM ABOVE."

2. ON PERSONAL BASIS, PRESS ATTACHE (TONINI) SAID HE BELIEVED BARRING OF US NEWSMAN, OR OTHER HARASSMENT, WOULD HAVE UNFORTUNATE EFFECT AT THIS TIME, WHEN CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN WITH CHILE WAS IN ACTIVE STAGE.

3. DISCLAIMING ANY INTENT TO RESTRICT NOVITSKI'S ACTIVITIES,
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RUIZ STATED HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER OF KANDELL TO SEE IF

DECISION COULD BE REVERSED. SAID THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE
NOVITSKI COULD RE-ENTER COUNTRY AND WAS EXCECTED BACK AUG 16.
WE UNDERSTAND FROM OTHER SOURCES NOVITSKI RETURN MAY BE
DELAYED DUE TO HIS COVERAGE EVENTS IN ARGENTINA.

4. COMMENT: AS INDICATED SANTIAGO 4506 AND 1418, AMBASSADOR
TWO WEEKS AGO MADE PERSONAL DEMARCHE ON BEHALF OF THE TWO
CORRESPONDENTS. DECISION-MAKING IS A DIFFUSE PROCESS IN
THIS GOVERNMENT, AND SLIGHTLY AMBIGUOUS RESPONSE ON THAT
OCCASION MAY NOT HAVE PERCOLATED TO CIVIL POLICE. I WILL
BE GLAD TO REVERT TO SUBJECT IF DEPT DESIRES.
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